

## SCORE-O EVENT NOTES

COOPS SAWMILL AND GAY CITY S.P., SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



- 56 controls. To visit them all is about 25km. Both beginner and advanced level controls.
- Two maps printed back-to-back on waterproof paper at 1:10,000 scale, 5m contours.
- Maps with 7,500 and 5,000 scale covering a subset of the controls will be available.
- SI Air+ mode activated

The Score-O is designed to be appropriate for all experience levels and speeds. There is a concentration of beginner level controls near the start/finish as well as a mix of intermediate and advanced controls within about 1km of the start for experienced but slower orienteers.

Mass start at 10:30am for 3-hour course and 12:00pm for 1.5-hour event. Finish is at 1:30 pm for all competitors. Maps will be distributed 30 minutes before start time to give you time to plan your route. The registration table will open at 9:30 and beginner instruction will be available then.

At the finishing time (1:30 pm) we will have a pizza party at the event center. We encourage everybody to join in and chat with others about your adventures!

On arrival, please enter Gay City State Park at the main entrance on CT Highway 85 (North Street) at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/D9PbAqigybJvdfLL7> and proceed into the park, down the road to the terminus adjacent to the swimming lake. Signs will be posted to guide participants to the site.

People who have pre-registered, have their own SI sticks, and are mass starting at the standard time for their course (10:30 for 3 hour, 12:00 for 1.5 hour, 10:30 for Beginner course), only need to punch Clear and Check before starting (and wait for when the maps are distributed). There is no Start box for those doing the mass starts so everyone mass starting will simply go when the time is called.

Anyone who still needs to register (including paying, giving us your SI number, signing waiver) and/or get their loaner SI stick, must come to the registration table. Then they must punch Clear and Check.

Anyone interested in doing the Beginner course (1:5,000 scale map with only beginner controls on the Gay City map), must also check in at registration.

Please consider becoming a member of WCOC. Membership gives you discounted rates at all events. Sign-up forms and links to online forms are available at registration. Join today and receive a \$5 refund for today's event (that is, if you registered as a non-member).

### Score-O Rules:

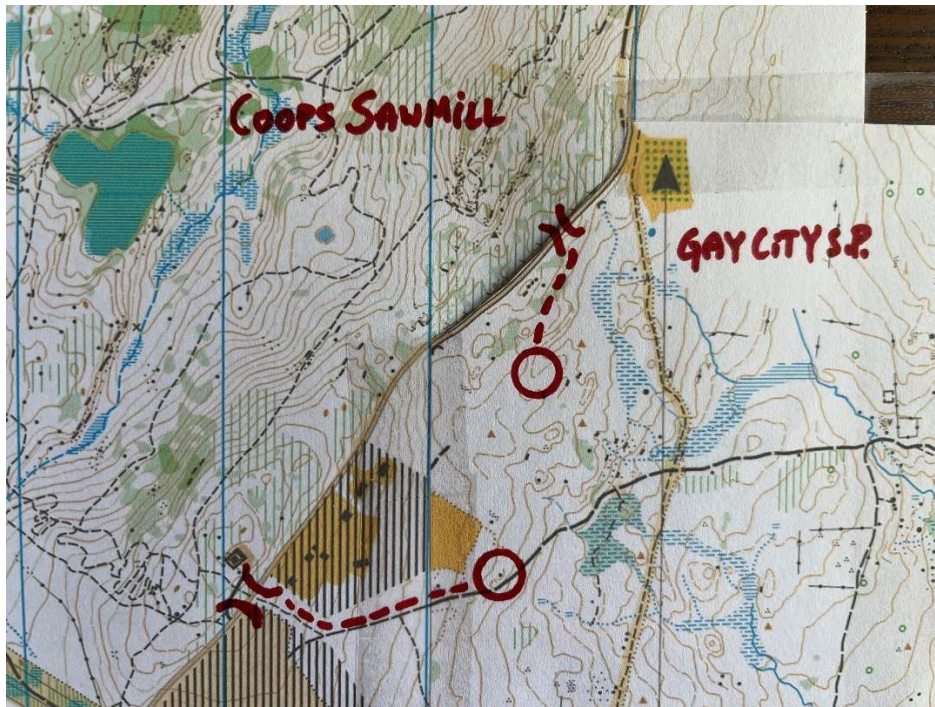
- Find as many controls as you can within the time limit. Most points wins with ties broken by who finished first.
- Each control's point value is the same as the last digit of the control number. Controls with last digit 0 are worth 10 points. E.g. control 56 -> 6 points, control 81 -> 1 point, control 70 -> 10 points.
- Depending on your preferences there are 3-hour and 1.5-hour options (both options will use the same map and controls).
  - 3 hour course: Maps distributed at 10:00AM. Mass start at 10:30AM. Finish time 1:30PM.
  - 1.5 hour course: Maps distributed at 11:30AM. Mass start at 12:00. Finish time 1:30PM.
    - You can also start the 1.5-hour course any time from 10:30-Noon, but you will be back to finish well before the pizza arrives!
  - Beginner course – 14 controls on 1:5,000 scale map, 1.5 hour time limit. Feel free to join the 1.5 hour course mass start or get your own individual start time.
- Penalty of 3 points per minute over time (don't be late!).

Water will be available at the start-finish area, at Crossing Point A between the maps on the SE side of the road, and at control 64. There will not be any water controls in the southern part of the Gay City S.P. map. Participants should consider bringing their own water as needed. The current weather forecast is 79F with a chance of rain.

Control units will be activated for SI Air + mode, allowing participants to use this if they have the appropriate device. Note, however, that the organizers will most likely be unable to “wake up” the controls on the day of the event, so if you believe you are the first to visit a control, it would be best to insert the device into the control unit so as to activate it. Check and Clear stations will be located adjacent to the Assembly Area/Start.

### Maps and Terrain

The event will use two maps, the Gay City S.P and Coops Sawmill maps, that adjoin along a north-south axis (Birch Mountain Road). Competitors must use marked crossing points A and B to move between maps. Routes from the nearest control on Gay City S.P. to the crossing points will be marked by pink streamers. Be careful when crossing the road.



Both maps are printed back-to-back at 1:10,000 scale on Teslin 10 waterproof paper. A composite map showing the overall layout will be displayed at registration. Options for those not intending to travel beyond a certain distance at Gay City S.P. are (1) a Gay City S.P. map at 1:7500 scale covering a subset of controls, and (2) Beginner level controls on the Gay City S.P. map at 1:5,000 scale. Please choose which version you wish to use at the registration and pick up the appropriate map.

In general, these are fun, runnable terrains. Both maps are somewhat dated, and some details have changed since the last revision. Foremost among these changes are the formation of new, unmapped paths made by mountain bike enthusiasts in several places, particularly on Coops Sawmill. In some areas there is seasonal undergrowth, including bracken fern at Gay City S.P. and low shrubs at Coops Sawmill, which in places obscure low lying features such as some rocks and stone walls. The northern part of Coops Sawmill is essentially free of undergrowth. The area in the SW of Coops Sawmill marked as rough open with scattered trees, was logged some years ago and has now regrown to slow run forest. Some small parts of Coops Sawmill, particularly in the SW, have not been fully mapped for point details. As of this last week, some of the smaller paths and trails are becoming obscured by fallen leaves.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Gay City State Park!**